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WYNNE FLYING HOME

Dawn 'Spy Swap' Drama
At The Heerstrasse Checkpoint

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12-Minute Exchange For Russian

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BERLIN, Wednesday.

GREVILLE WYNNE drove to freedom to-day in a 1958 yellow Mercedes car—just 17 months and 20 days after he was arrested by the Russians.

On the border of West Berlin and East Germany he stood face to face with Gordon Lonsdale, the Russian spy.

Lonsdale was taken to the checkpoint from a side entrance at the RAF station at Gatow in West Berlin.

Mr. Wynne was taken to the base through the same side entrance after the exchange.

CARS

Radio Contact

Lonsdale was taken in a car to the checkpoint by three British security officials, eye-witnesses said. A second car maintained radio contact with British headquarters.

The British officials arrived at the border first and had to wait five minutes for the Russians to appear with Mr. Wynne in the Mercedes.

The two cars approached the border and halted about 20 yards from each other. One of the British officials walked into East German territory.

He was met by a Russian security official and the two chatted briefly.

The cars then moved westward through the zig-zag slalom built in the road to slow traffic.

men's luggage and the transaction was over.

The whole exchange took 12 minutes to complete.

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The Traffic

Secrecy surrounded the border meeting.

Traffic through the checkpoint was halted. West Berlin police kept the road clear from the border to a point 200 yards back.

East German police did the same on the eastern side of the border.

After the exchange the checkpoint was quiet.

There were only two West Berlin policemen and two Customs men. On the East German side — about 100 yards away—stood only a few police with tommy-guns over their shoulders.

He was being flown to England in an RAF plane. His destination was understood to be Westport.

IN MOSCOW Mr. Wynne's Russian lawyer, Mr. Nikolai Borovik, described reports of the Berlin exchange.

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